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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Nobuyoshi Yazawa, et al.      **Examiner:** David J. Czekaj  
**Serial No.:** 10/081,940      **Art Unit:** 2613  
**Filed:** February 22, 2002      **Docket:** 15311  
**For:** IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS  
FOR ENDOSCOPE      **Dated:** December 6, 2004  
**Conf. No.:** 2191

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated November 5, 2004, Applicants elect the claims of Species II, i.e., Claims 1-14 for continued prosecution herein. Furthermore, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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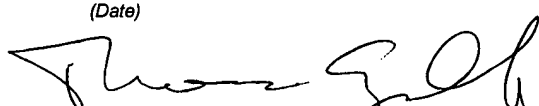
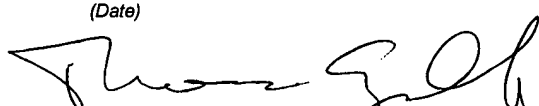
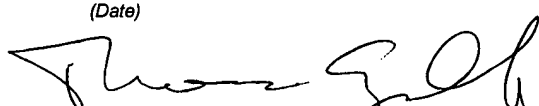
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Invention: <b>IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS FOR ENDOSCOPE</b>														
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.														
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.														
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